Virginia Has a New Statewide EMS Awards Program

I'm pleased to announce that the State EMS Advisory Board and Virginia's Regional EMS Councils have introduced a new EMS Awards Program that offers expanded recognition of EMS Providers, EMS Agencies and organizations. **The annual Governor's EMS Awards Program has not been eliminated** – the only change is that nominations for the Governor's EMS Awards will be the first place winners at the regional level.

Regional EMS Awards - Virginia's 11 Regional EMS Councils will conduct Regional EMS Awards programs this year, hold recognition ceremonies and publicize the regional winners in their communities. This statewide regional recognition will honor the exceptional contributions that members of Virginia's EMS system make in their communities and help them to be more visible to the people they serve.

Regional first place winners will be sent by the Regional EMS Councils to the State EMS Advisory Board to compete at the state level in the Governor's EMS Awards. Only regional winners will be judged in the Governor's EMS Awards program. This is a change from all entries being submitted directly to the State EMS Advisory Board Selection Committee.

The new EMS Awards Program offers:

- Increased recognition of EMS providers and EMS agencies
- Increased representation of EMS providers and EMS agencies from all areas of Virginia in the Governor's EMS Awards program

Governor's EMS Awards - The State EMS Advisory Board's EMS Awards Selection Committee will review the first place winners in each of the 11 Regional EMS Councils Competition. Winners selected at the state level will be forwarded with the Committee's recommendations to the Governor.

Governor's EMS Awards at Virginia EMS Symposium - Recipients of the 2004 Governor's EMS Awards will be announced and presented a certificate signed by the Governor and an awards trophy at the Virginia EMS Awards Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 during the 25th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Nov. 11-14, 2004. I hope you will continue to support this program by submitting nominations through your Regional EMS Council. Please contact the Regional EMS Council in your area to find out its entry deadline and procedures.

A list of the Regional EMS Councils and their phone numbers/addresses is enclosed. EMS Council Homepage: www.vaems.org

If you have any questions about the Governor's EMS Awards please contact Ruth Robertson by E-mail at Ruth.Robertson@vdh.virginia.gov or 804-864-7635.

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Governor's EMS Awards Recipients

Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS

1986 Kent J. Weber	1992 Michael B. Player	1998 J. David Barrick
1987 Diana D. Rockwell	1993 Michael Berg	2000 Scott R. Chandler
1988 Deborah M. Kelso	1994 Donna Burns	2001 Stewart W. Martin, M.D.
1989 Donald A. Haupt, Jr.	1995 Robert G. Powell, M.D.	2002 Carol M. Gilbert, M.D.
1990 Brenda Barbour	1996 William L. Bullock	2003 David B. Palmer
1991 Willis S. Buchanan	1997 Kevin L. Dillard	

Governor's Award to the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider

1986 Gary G. Orndoff	1992 Judy G. Ward	1998 B. Frank Cheatham, IV
1987 Nicholas A. Klimenko	1993 June Lefke	1999 Frank S. Chinn
1988 G. Gaylord Belfield, Jr.	1994 Dianna L. Chandler	2000 Pat Ivey
1989 Clarence L. Minters	1995 Holmes C. McLaughlin	2001 William H. Thompson, Jr.
1990 Joseph S. Howard	1996 Max L. Borstein	2002 Rev. Coan G. Agee
1991 Kim Wright	1997 Bertie M. Padgett	2003 William D. Henderson, Jr.

Governor's Award to the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Instructor

1986	Judith B. Cauley	1992	Elisa M. Reeves	1998	James W. Wagenbach
1987	Garry L. Farrar	1993	Judy Mabry	1999	Linda G. Johnson
1988	Glen H. Luedtke	1994	Neil A. Stallings	2000	Daniel Patrick Barry
1989	Donna R. Slack	1995	Robert L. Glover, Jr.	2001	Janet Carbaugh, R.N.
1990	Patricia A. Mercer	1996	Jackie Hoell	2002	Thomas G. Mingin
1991	A. Page Entsminger	1997	Delbert J. Garrett, Sr.	2003	John E. Burrus, Jr.

Governor's Award to the Outstanding EMS Agency

1986 City of Virginia Beach EMS	1996 Newport News Fire Dept EMS
1988 Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad	1997 Nottoway County Emergency Squad
1989 Charlottesville-Albermarle Rescue	1998 Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad
1990 Salem Rescue Squad	1999 Sterling Park Volunteer Rescue Squad
1991 Bridgewater Volunteer Rescue Squad	2000 Virginia Tech Rescue
1992 York County Fire & Rescue Squad	2001 Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad
1993 Madison Co. Rescue Squad	2002 Amherst County Sheriff's Office
1994 Chesterfield County Fire and Rescue	2003 Prince William Dept. of Fire/Rescue
1995 Warrenton Volunteer Rescue Squad	

Governor's Award to the Outstanding Operational Medical Director

Frank M. Yeiser Trophy

1986 Kevin Kollar, M.D.	1992 Vaughan H. Howard, M.D.	1998 Carl F. Wentzel, III, M.D.
1987 Frank M. Yeiser, M.D.	1993 Stephen Huff, M.D.	1999 T.A. DiGiovanna, M.D.
1988 Carol M. Gilbert, M.D.	1994 Fortune Odend'hal, M.D.	2000 Wallace J. Horne, M.D.
1989 Gaylord W. Ray, M.D.	1995 John L. Rawls, M.D.	2001 D. Scott Hayes, M.D.
1990 Donald Sabella, M.D.	1996 George H. Lindbeck, M.D.	2002 Jon D. Mason, M.D.

Governor's Award to the Nurse with Outstanding **Contribution to EMS**

1993 Melinda Woodward	l, R.N. 1998	Patrick J. Zadd, R.N.	2003 Susan Frishkorn, R.N.

1994 Gail Preston, R.N. 1999 June H. Robertson, R.N. 1995 Judith B. Cauley, R.N. 1996 Beverly Hudgins, R.N. 1997 Darleen S. Anderson, R.N. 2000 Carol Smithson, R.N. 2001 Genemarie W. McGee, R.N.

2002 J. Robin Root, R.N.

Governor's Award to the Outstanding EMS Administrator

Kent J. Weber Trophy

1993	Jerry Overton	1998	Michael B. Player	2003	Gary P. Critzer
1994	Garry B. Lautenschlager	1999	Robert A. Symons		
1995	J. David Barrick	2000	James M. Chandler		
1996	Bruce W. Edwards	2001	Robert W. (Rusty) Hundley		
1997	Robert S. Ryalls	2002	Robert H. Logan, III		

Governor's Award for the Outstanding **Contribution to EMS**

1993	Hampton University Dept. of	1997	CFW Communications Company
	Continuing Education	1998	Homestead Hotel
1994	Virginia Institute of Marine Science	1999	Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal
1995	Community Involvement Team,	2000	Silver Companies
	Levi Strauss & Co.	2001	Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital
1996	Columbus McKinnon Corporation	2003	Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital

Governor's Award to the Outstanding EMS Call

1994 Virginia Beach EMS Agencies	1999 Glasgow First Aid 2003 Gloucester Fire and Rescue
1995 Madison County Rescue Squad	2000 Northampton Fire and Rescue
1996 Remington Volunteer Fire & Rescue	2001 Goochland County Fire-Rescue Volunteer Assn.
1997 James City County Fire/EMS	2002 Arlington County Fire Dept.
1998 Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad	2003 Gloucester Fire and Rescue Squad

Governor's Award to the Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children

1999 Margaret A. Dolan, M.D. 2002 Steven A. Strawderman 2000 Children's Hospital, King's Daughters 2003 Petra Menzel Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team 2001 James L. Jenkins, Jr.